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POIGNANT: Ghost Story competition winner Gerry Sweeney.

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Ghost story winners revealed

YELLOW Advertiser has crowned its Ghost Story champion for 2012.

Gerry Sweeney, 61, from Cranham, triumphed in the competition with his story 'Home', which looks at the tragic truth of war.

Mr Sweeney, who was runner up in the competition in 2011, said he was delighted to have won.

"I look forward to Yellow Advertiser's ghost story competition every year because it

really gets the creative mind thinking," he said. "I was really pleased at coming second last year, but to win this year was just fantastic.

"I love writing, I find it really relaxing and soothing and I love bringing my ideas to life in the form of a story."

Mr Sweeney, who works at Allen Ford in Romford, got the inspiration for his winning story from the Royal Anglian Regiment's homecoming parade through Romford.

He said: "I get a lot of my ideas from everyday situations. The homecoming parade was fantastic with the crowd all flying flags and cheering, so I got a lot of inspiration from it all.

"Unfortunately not everyone comes home from the warzone so I used this as a poignant reminder that all of our men and women should be remembered and saluted for their bravery, not just those who come home."

■ Turn to page 3 to read his story.

Southend judged to be in UK's top ten for early years provision

CHILD CARE IN TOP TEN

By Paul Giles

SOUTHEND Council's child care provisions have been rated as one of the top ten in the country.

In its annual Early Years report the Government's education watchdog Ofsted judged 86 per cent of child care in the Borough as either 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

Child care provision is delivered through child minding, pre-schools, nurseries and nursery classes within mainstream

schools. The Ofsted report examined the quality of 26 day nurseries, 39 pre-schools and 164 registered child minders across Southend.

In their report inspectors highlighted the strong link between the level of staff qualification and the quality of child care provision in Southend.

They said this demonstrated children were getting the very best start in their learning and development from highly qualified

and experienced professionals.

Seventy per cent of the town's Early Years work force is qualified at Level 3 (equivalent to A-levels) or above and 60 per cent of managers are qualified at Level 4 (degree level).

Councillor for children and learning, James Courtenay, said he was delighted Southend had been rated as one of the top ten child care providers in England.

He said: "Ofsted's report recognises the excellent

achievements of our Early Years workforce and the work they do to provide high quality child care and early education for families in the town.

"The Council works in partnership with the Pre-school Learning Alliance, the National Childminding Association, Southend Adult Community College and the Public Health sector to provide support, advice and guidance to all child care providers."

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■ Ghost Story Competition

WINNER - Home by Gerry Sweeney from Cranham

BOOTS crunching, scrunching, slamming down hard on tarmacadam. Scratchy sand left far behind. No clinging Passchendaele mud here. No Dunkirk beach or cobbled Berlin Street. No boggy fields of Crossmaglen. Razor sharp creases and polished toe caps reflecting back the glistening steel of fixed bayonet in the crisp November sun.

The Regiment is Home.

Crowds cheering. Flags waving, wafted side to side by little boys not yet tainted by the world, pretending to be the men that sweep before them in uniformed triumph. A jingling, jangling train of camouflage, brass and shiny medal. Confused dogs barking out of time to the beat of military drum. Left and right and left and right and left and right, arms swinging past the butcher and baker and the candlestick maker as they watch admiringly from the entrances top their empires. Napoleon's perceived army of shopkeepers.

Home.

Left and right and left and right and left and right. Sergeant Major's screamed commands echoing back from the buildings that frame the market square. Red, white and blue bunting cascade from shop fronts, creating a kaleidoscope of patriotic greeting. The boots crunch and scrunch in perfect harmony along with chests swelled and ram rod backs. A step out of sync would be unthinkable. But then, the unthinkable had been a daily occurrence for the last six months. A missed step then could mean the triggering of an improvised explosive device. A missed sweep of eye to front or rear could mean the unseen arc of metal as the mortar round rent the air and created a living hell.

To see through bloodied eyes the tangled mess that once were legs or be aware that the arms that once held a sweetheart were no longer there. For a moment, a fleeting moment, the clapping hands and cheering of onlookers black out the memories of horror that haunt these brave soldiers, home from a war that no-one wants to them to fight. When will their nightmares begin?

But then I have not come home. I march along but I am not there. I see to one side, my mother and father but they do not see me. Mother sobbing. Her tears staining the framed photograph of her son in number one uniform, as my father supports her.

He cries silently. There are no more tears for him, only an engulfing emptiness. Suddenly he pushes to the front. He tries to touch the passing, swinging arms in a final gesture of contact. My mother gently pulls him back into the crows. I salute him and call out that I will be forever his son.

As so my battalion of proud soldiers continue to march with our regiment. Left and right and left and right and left and right, our boots do not crunch or scrunch for we are not there.

We no longer live. We are the soldiers that have not come home with our comrades in arms.

We are the ghosts of war.



MARCHING ON: Gerry Sweeney.
Picture by Roy Tillet

CHILDREN'S WINNER The Glass-Eyed Army by Reagan Furnevel, 11, from Basildon

THE SUN beat down on the fairground. Ben had been saving his money for weeks and finally had enough to spend on the rides, sweets and mountains of candyfloss. The ride, Glass Eyes, was the one ride everyone wanted to go on, and it was Ben's chance.

He got in line, even though there was an hour's wait. The line went down quicker than Ben expected. It didn't seem like an hour, yet maybe it was. Who knows? Just as he was about to go in, something eerie hung in the air, just outside the entrance.

He could have turned back. Maybe he didn't want to. Why? Who knows, but if he knew his life would change forever, he wouldn't have gone in.

He stepped through the entrance and a cold rush hit him, sending waves of shivers down his back. As he walked though the hall, he saw rows and rows of what he assumed to be dummies. They had human features, but their eyes were glassy. Ben took no notice – well, would you? The ride was called Glass Eyes after all.

At the start of the ride there were five men, all in white suits and black sunglasses. Ben and the group were told to sit down, and they were buckled into a cart. The lights went off and they were plunged into darkness. They started to move, going down, like an elevator. They didn't stop for a while, but when they did it was in pitch dark.

"Aaahhhh!"

Screams were heard from the other carts. An ear piercing scraping sound was heard. It sounded like metal against metal and suddenly, a horrible, razor-sharp blade slid down Ben's arm. Blood trickled out and onto the floor. Ben started to feel tired, almost paralysed. His eyes folded closed. He wasn't sure he would open them again, and he slipped into oblivion.

Eventually, Ben opened his eyes. All seemed different now. For a start he was in a different room. But there was something else. He saw things different – like things were all shadows, blurred shapes. Nothing was clear.

He could just about make out the female he was sitting next to on the ride. She was next to him, motionless, with wide eyes, not blinking. Then Ben realised; he was not blinking either. No one was. Their eyes seemed glassy. Foggy. Just like the dummies in the hall. But this is the hall, and rows of the dummies were standing by him. Another group walked past and Ben tried to stop them. Yet no voice came out, he couldn't move. It was too late. No one could save them now.

No one could save the latest recruits joining the glass eyed army.

For the second and third place winners in the adult competition, turn to page 24

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■ Profile

A fairway to spend your time

We speak to Graham Burroughs, an Essex PGA Golf Club Professional

NAME: Graham Burroughs.

AGE: 65.

CLUB: Boyce Hill, Benfleet.

SERVICE AS A PROFESSIONAL: 50 years.

GREATEST SUCCESS: Playing in the last round of British Open with Larry Nelson at Royal Birkdale, 1983. He was the US Open Champion. I shot 71. He shot 72! I am also four times Essex Open Winner.

FAVOURITE PLAYER ON TOUR? Ernie Els. He's won four majors across three decades. He is a great personality and has a swing that will last forever. It's a great swing to copy. It shows dedication and talent. He was overshadowed by Tiger.

FAVOURITE PLAYER FROM THE PAST? Ben Hogan because he overcame so much adversity in his life to succeed. He went through so much.

His dad committed suicide when he was a youngster. He didn't win a tournament until he was 28. He was 34 before he won his first major, and he went on to win eight more, six of them after a terrible car crash. Doctors thought he would never walk. He only played in the British Open once, and he won it.

BEST PART OF YOUR GAME? I always hit pretty straight off the tee.

IF GOD WAS HANDING OUT ABILITY RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU ASK FOR? To play my best golf under pressure.

WHY ARE SOME GOLF CLUBS STRUGGLING TO FIND NEW MEMBERS? There are too many



Picture by Mark Cleveland

golf courses and not enough players. Courses have doubled in the last 30 years.

This wasn't helped when they started to build a lot of these 27 and 36 hole courses. We need more nine hole courses.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO HELP THE GAME ATTRACT NEW PLAYERS? There needs to be more feeder clubs and courses for people to start the game up.

WHAT DO LIKE MOST ABOUT THE GAME?

It's such a fair game. You are on your own a lot of the time and it teaches you sportsmanship.

You have to look for your opponent's ball when it's lost. You have to be appreciative when they play well and gracious in defeat.

Crowds will clap a good shot even when they don't want an opponent to win. It's a very competitive but fair game. It teaches you discipline.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT GOLF?

Slow play, throwing clubs and generally not playing in a sportsman like manner.

I can never quite understand how a golfer who is the calmest person off the course can behave like a total idiot after just one bad shot.

Another area I feel is not great is pushy parents, when they try to live their lives through their children.

I am all for helping young sportsmen and women and encouraging them, but it must not get to the stage when they feel like it is the end of the world when they do not play well, it can end up very counter productive and I have seen youngsters turn their back on golf.

IMAGINE YOU ARE 16 AGAIN. WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY? Nothing. I played in matches as a cadet at Boyce Hill from the age of 11. I carried bags for

people. That's how I got a love for the game.

When a chance came to be an assistant pro to David Grey, it was a great opportunity. I did that for five years. I then became an assistant pro working in London in 1968 for the Leslie King Golf School, in Knightsbridge.

Bruce Forsyth and Christopher Lee used to come in for lessons. I gave Lord Lucan lessons a few years before he went missing. I even played with him at Wentworth.

IN WHICH ERA WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO HAVE PLAYED? I feel the era that I played tournament golf was a lot more helpful to younger players.

I can remember flying to Africa in the late 60s and being able to play in all their major tournaments including the South African Open. Now that would be impossible.

You have to have a tour card, which is very difficult to get; you have to go through various qualifying schools which can cost a lot of money and really you need a sponsor, but in these difficult times, they are not easy to find.

I was very lucky to be helped by a lovely man called Peter Chalk. He was a member of Thorpe Hall Golf Club.

I will always be indebted to him, not only did he help with my tournament golf but through people and contacts he knew, he helped me get the job at Boyce Hill Golf Club.

That was 37 years ago, but that's another story!

► speedread

Elderly couple robbed

AN ELDERLY couple were subjected to a brutal attack by three men in their own home on Sunday, December 30.

Three men wearing balaclavas forced their way into the property in Shaftsbury Avenue just before 8.15pm.

The couple were held at knifepoint in the hallway, and had the jewellery they were wearing removed and money totalling a three figure sum stolen.

Information to Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Girl attacked by dog

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a four-year-old girl received facial injuries believed to have been caused by a Labrador dog in Southend.

Officers were contacted just after 11.35am on Saturday with reports of the incident in Eastern Esplanade near the Kursaal.

The girl, from Southend, was taken to Chelmsford's Broomfield Hospital for treatment.

Any witnesses can call PC Daniel Hedges at Southend Police Station on 101.

Find clues in trail

CHILDREN are invited to help solve the Moat Farm Murder this Saturday, at Essex Police Museum, Chelmsford.

Visitors can drop in from 10am-4pm to take part in the trail, which will have clues hidden around the museum in relation to the murder.

The activity costs £1 for each child taking part and is suitable for children aged over six, but children and adults of all ages are welcome to visit.

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Nightclub to host X Factor star Rylan

X FACTOR star Rylan Clark will be coming to Southend after his stint in the Celebrity Big Brother house.

The 24-year-old, who is from Corringham, will be visiting Chameleon nightclub on Thursday, January 31.



Train station refurbished

NATIONAL Express train operator c2c has fully re-opened Shoeburyness station following the completion of a £700k refurbishment project.

The new-look station has a wide modern entrance with sliding doors, replacing the old cramped 'shed' entry to the station, which will make it easier for passengers to enter and exit the station at peak times.

The redevelopment also includes a new canopy roof over the entrance to provide cover for passengers, new customer and staff toilets on the platform which replace the previous facilities which

were housed in a temporary block next to the station, and new non-slip flooring for the booking office.

Free airport parking

PASSENGERS flying from Southend Airport can park their cars for free during this month and next as a first birthday gift from the airport.

The new terminal at London Southend first opened to passengers on February 28 last year.

The free car parking offer applies to the Long Stay 2 Car Park.

All parking must be booked online and in advance at www.southendairport.com where people can also check

out the terms and conditions of the offer. It runs until Thursday, February 28.

MBE for RNLI manager

COLIN Sedgwick has been made a MBE in recognition of 53 years of involvement with the RNLI at one of the charity's busiest lifeboat stations, in Southend.

As operations manager at the station, Colin has provided influence and leadership following two separate fires on the Pier where the station is based, and has continued to recruit, train and motivate a large pool of volunteer crews who risk their lives to save others at sea.

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Ex-Visteon workers continue fight with Ford over pensions

By Pat Jones

IF MEDALS were given out for persistence a group of pensioners – many from Essex – would walk away with gold.

Former workers from failed car parts firm Visteon UK have fought doggedly, first for decent redundancy terms, and for the past three-and-half-years for the full pensions promised when they transferred from Ford in 2000.

Now 2013 looks like being a highly significant year for Visteon Pension Action Group (VPAG), after its campaign of demonstrations, lobbying of Ford plants, government departments and political party conferences, and a recent Parliamentary debate attended by MPs and ministers who unanimously supported the motion that Ford owes a duty of care to the Visteon Pensioners.

The group's High Court challenge to Ford is due to be heard early in the year, an all party group of MPs is lobbying

for the pensioners, moves are being made to initiate a select committee hearing in the House of Commons, a hearing of the Welsh Affairs committee and a Private Members' Bill.

"We are determined to get what we were promised by Ford when we agreed to transfer to Visteon," said Andy Belch, the VPAG member responsible for liaising with MPs and the press.

"We have attracted a great deal of support along the way and now we hope it will bear fruit.

"We are campaigning for the pensions we worked for and contributed to. At the moment members are getting between 15 and 50 per cent less than they expected and are due, and many face financial difficulties because of that.

"The court will decide the legal issue – we are pushing the moral aspect," he added.

Unite union issued proceedings in the High Court Chancery Division, in the

name of one pensioner, Dennis Varney, on the group's behalf in January 2011.

Since then a further 1,400 pensioners have applied to join in a class action.

"We are looking forward to the case being heard and grateful to Unite for its help," Mr Belch added.

"The support we are receiving from MPs of all parties is a tremendous filip. Stephen Metcalfe, who represents South Basildon and East Thurrock, has been a tremendous help setting up the all-party group.

That group holds evidence hearings – and although it has no powers to force witnesses to attend – it has amassed a lot of useful information.

It has three further hearings scheduled for the first three months of this year.

Mr Belch added: "We were very lucky, too, that the annual chance for an MP to call a debate on his or her chosen topic was won by Mike Freer, who represents Finchley and Golders Green, for the chance to highlight our predicament.

"I am told 22 MPs from all parties attended the debate, which apparently is a record for that type of debate."

"We know plans are afoot to try for select committee hearings here and in Wales."

Former Ford staff had been promised terms mirroring those they enjoyed with the car giant when it set up Visteon plants in Basildon, Enfield, Belfast and Swansea to supply it with parts.

However the business never made a



THE BEGINNING: Workers protest at former premises in Honeywood Road Basildon, March 2009.

Picture by Martin Dalton

profit and was closed in March 2009, when all the workers lost their jobs.

The workers refused to go quietly.

They occupied the firm's plants until they were given better redundancy terms than first offered.

Then when it became clear they would only receive a fraction of the pensions they had worked, battle lines were drawn and Visteon Pension Action Group (VPAG) set up.

Ford has always maintained Visteon pensioners are not its responsibility.

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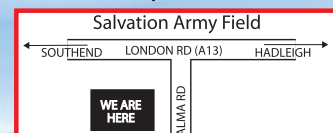
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New Year honour for college principal



HONOUR: Angela O'Donoghue has been made a CBE for her services to Further Education

THE PRINCIPAL and chief executive of South Essex College has been recognised in the New Year Honours list by Her Majesty the Queen.

Angela O'Donoghue, who joined the College in August, has been made a CBE for her services to Further Education.

Speaking of the accolade, Angela said she was extremely honoured but most of all she felt privileged that someone took the time to nominate her.

She said: "It is extremely heartening to be recognised but because I love my job and enjoy it so much, I don't often acknowledge the work that I do makes a national contribution."

Angela embarked on her 30 year

career in Further Education at the age of 22 when she began teaching biology part-time at a college in Liverpool.

It was also there where she learned of her passion for teaching students with learning difficulties and disabilities which she continued for 17 years.

Casting her mind over career highlights, Angela cites setting up BSix Sixth Form College in Hackney as one of her biggest achievements.

But it was at Sunderland College where Angela made an enormous impact. By focusing primarily on students' needs she dramatically improved the quality of teaching and learning which saw success rates rocket.

Hospital first in Essex to offer Down's Syndrome tests

SOUTHEND Hospital has become the only hospital in Essex to offer pregnant women a test to see if their baby has Down's Syndrome.

The introduction of chronic villous sampling (CVS) will mean expectant mothers will no longer have to travel to London to have the test.

The simple needle procedure can be done from 11 weeks up to 16 weeks into the pregnancy.

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Tulika Singh, said the test for Down's Syndrome has been widely available for many years but is done later in pregnancy, from 15 weeks.

She said: "New scientific advances have made it possible to test before 15 weeks and thereby provide women

with an earlier result to help make decisions."

The test is being phased in from Tuesday, January 15, and if a test proves positive, women will be offered counselling and talked through the choices available.

Business unit director of women and children's services at the hospital, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Khalil Razvi, said the hospital could now offer a full suite of testing, including high-level scanning and invasive testing.

TEST: Consultant obstetricians and gynaecologists Tulika Singh and Khalil Razvi with antenatal and newborn screening coordinator Mandy Waller.



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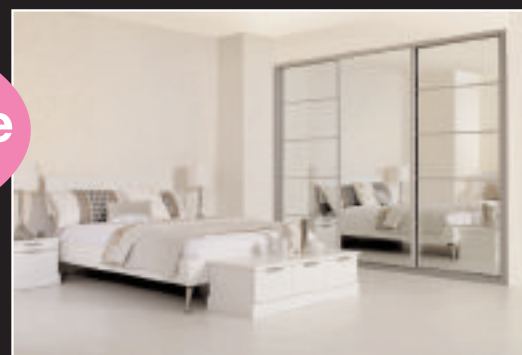
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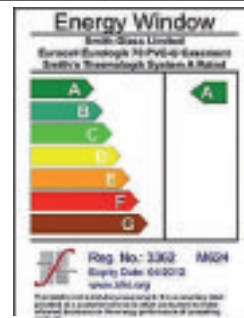
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WESTCLIFF Rugby Football Club will be seeing out the season with a new strip.

The strip is sponsored by Southend and Chelmsford solicitors Tolhurst Fisher LLP.

Bob Smith, director of rugby at Westcliff RFC, said the club had almost 600 players from age five upwards and sponsorship can cover anything from team kit to pitch maintenance, equipment, first-aid support and

physiotherapy.

He said: "On-going support from the local business community is vital to the club, and we are immensely grateful to Tolhurst Fisher, who have been supporting the club for several years with sponsorship for sporting events, pitch essentials and safety equipment."

"This type of backing from a local business enables us to invest in the future of this much-

loved sporting facility for the local community."

Chris Bard, partner at Tolhurst Fisher LLP, who is also President of Westcliff RFC, said it was a pleasure to support such a worthwhile community sports facility and its players.

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New medical director for Southend hospital

RUGBY loving consultant surgeon Neil Rothnie is ready to tackle a challenging new career move as he takes over the role of medical director at Southend Hospital.

Mr Rothnie joined the consultant staff as a general and breast surgeon in 1994, although he had first set foot there 14 years earlier as a student locum.

He returned again as a surgical registrar for two years in the mid-eighties before going on to do research in Bristol and London's Royal Free Hospital and working as a senior registrar and lecturer at Bart's Hospital.

Initially, his special interest was in upper gastro-intestinal surgery, although he also performed a wide range of general surgical procedures. But his track record at Bart's specialist breast unit soon led to an invitation to develop Southend's own breast service.

Since its humble beginnings in two small clinic areas and a packed waiting room, the service has gone from strength to strength under Mr Rothnie's leadership.

He was responsible for the development and design of the specialist breast unit in the hospital's Nightingale centre which incorporates South Essex Breast Screening Service.

Mr Rothnie introduced nurse-led clinics and a family



NEW CHALLENGE: Neil Rothnie.

history clinic as well as a number of other services and links with breast-care charities. The unit regularly contributes to all the major national audits and its expertise is now recognised throughout Europe.

Mr Rothnie said: "The very best thing about the unit is the quality of the team we have developed and the care we provide to make sure patients are treated as individuals and

receive the very best possible care."

He takes over the medical director's role from Dr Grahame Tosh. One of the conditions of Mr Rothnie accepting the appointment was that he will continue to see and operate on patients.

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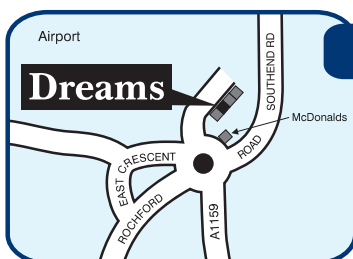


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In April, each band will be given 20 minutes of air time, during which they will be interviewed and then have the choice of either performing live in the studio or airing a demo CD.

At the end of the broadcast, listeners will be invited to text in and vote for their favourite acts, of whom six will go through to the live final in May at the Springhouse Club in Corringham.

Each of the finalists will perform a 25-minute set and last year's winners, The Ends, will return to deliver a guest performance and hand over the trophy.

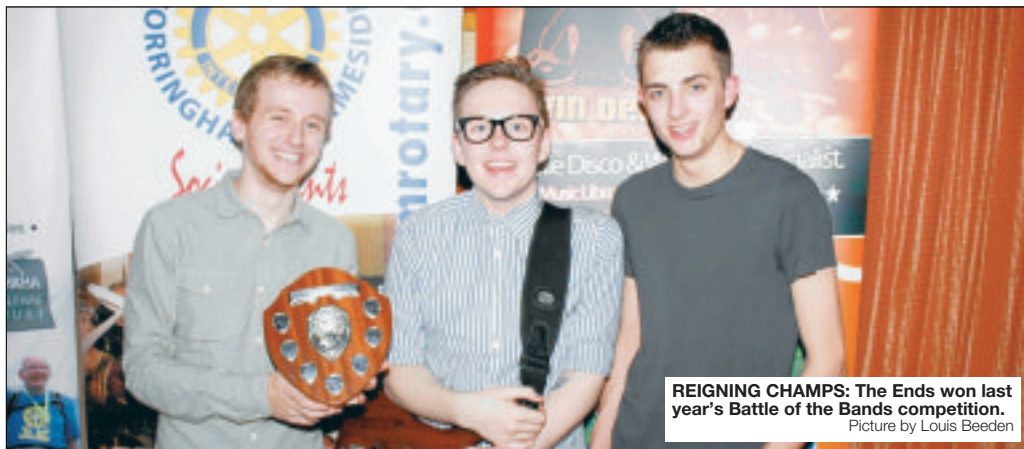
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At this time of year, visitors will find a host of colourful birds

including bullfinches, ringed plovers, oystercatchers, golden plovers, water and rock pipits, little egrets, snipe, chiffchaffs, curlews, lapwings, dunlins, redshanks, shelducks, peregrines and the elusive kingfisher.

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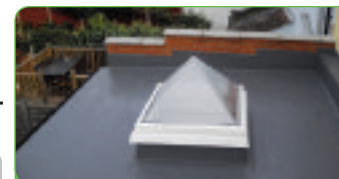
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Appeal after theft

POLICE are appealing for any information about the theft of the council Christmas tree electrical timer, and also damage to the lights.

The theft of the timer for the Christmas tree in the High Street was discovered on Christmas Eve but it is believed to have happened between December 21 and December 23.

Southend Council's deputy leader, John Lamb said: "We are disgusted that this costly damage was caused as a result of mindless vandalism, and hope the culprit can be swiftly found."

"It is shocking to think that someone can be so heartless as to cause wanton destruction for no reason at all."

Anyone with information is asked to contact 101.

Events to remember Holocaust victims

EVENTS are being held across Southend in memory of all those who suffered and died in the Holocaust and other genocides.

People are welcome to attend the ceremonies which begin on Friday, January 25, at midday at the Jones Memorial Recreation Ground, off Eastern Avenue, Southend.

There, the Mayor of Southend, Councillor Sally Carr, will plant a tree to remember those who perished in the Nazi Holocaust and more recent genocides.

On Sunday January 27, at 3pm, the special Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration will take place at Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue.

Information at www.southend.gov.uk

Youth mayor hopefuls to launch campaigns

EXCITEMENT is mounting as those bidding to be the next Southend youth mayor and deputy prepare to fight for the vital votes.

The three candidates Kavi Chauhan, Chris Copley and Megan Sylvester will officially launch their campaigns on Saturday, January 19, at the Victoria Shopping Centre.

The election results will be announced at Southend Youth Council meeting on Wednesday, February 6, from 5pm until 7pm in the Council Chamber at Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue.

The manifestos of each candidate will be available online at www.southend-connexions.co.uk/youth-mayor-election-2013 but voting will only become live on Saturday January 19.

Running club looking for new members

GIRLS and women aged 16 upwards keen to keep fit are invited to join Running Sisters.

The next Beginners Running Sisters course commences on Wednesday, February 20, at 6pm.

It continues every Wednesday from then on, finishing on Wednesday, March 27.

Each weekly session lasts for one hour, until 7pm.

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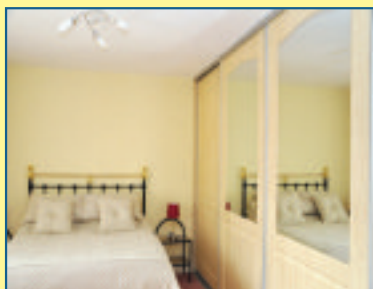
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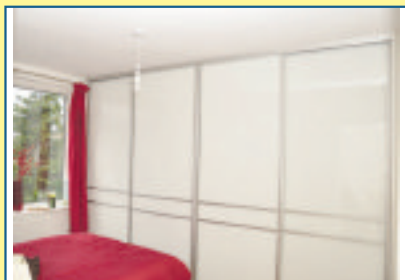


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Ray Cotton and Terry Christmas,
Trafalgar Day Organiser,
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Southend has sleep walked into a dangerous precedent

AM I surprised by the Conservative portfolio holder responsible for education's

poor arithmetic skills? Quite frankly yes: adding 60 places to faith schools does not mean the freeing up of double that number among the remaining primary schools.

However, I am disappointed that taxpayers' money is being used to prop up exclusive education. I am not opposed to teaching faith, but I am opposed to an educational establishment that seeks to educate only the like-minded.

I think Southend has sleepwalked into a dangerous precedent here. Should the Moonies, Satanists, or Scientologists (to name three at random) choose to found a school within our borough, would the council be equally happy to give them succour? I doubt it, and thus establishes discrimination.

The portfolio holder may be fed up with those of us who feel we are taking a bad decision but I find his abilities woefully short of adequate. Not only does he seek to further entrench Southend's educational apartheid, it will be remembered that he is quite content to constrain the ambitions of the young by limiting the numbers seeking a university education.

The argument about the oversubscription amongst faith primary schools should at least consider the possibility that parents choosing this as an option may be doing so to avoid what they

see as poor alternatives. I can confirm conversations I have had that suggest that some parents do not like what they see available to them.

Faith has become the least-worst choice.

It is worth having a peek at the census data for Southend as regards to religion. In 2011 55.7 per cent of residents stated that they were Christian, as opposed to 31.6 per cent who claimed no religion. If the trends of the last decade continue then 2021 will see the secular overtake Christianity in this town, which throws further doubt over the wisdom of investing in faith schools.

Councillor Julian Ware-Lane

Do our MPs really do anything for their constituents?

MY MP David Amess has been a MP in Southend for a number of years but what has he done to improve the lives of his voters and the area of Southend? Has he any influence in the day to day running of Southend affairs with the local council? I very much doubt this. Does he have a say in what buildings

are built, what services are cut, what financial decisions taken by the council? If the answer to these questions is no then what is his role in Southend?

The question that I am asking is does he have any input at all with the local council? This I may add probably applies to a lot of MPs countrywide. I once saw him at his surgery in Leigh to ask if he could sort out a problem that I had with the council over a new business that had opened in my street, which was causing major problems with parking.

He listened to my complaint and told me that he would get a member of his staff to look into it. The outcome was that he told me that nothing could be done because the local council had given permission for this business to open. I may add that this business has now closed and moved to a bigger premises but with no help from my MP.

If someone can tell me I am wrong and that he has done a great job for Southend, and I don't mean standing outside a school or building having his photo taken with the local dignitary, then please write in and enlighten me.

David Hemmings,
Westcliff

What building are you talking about?

READING Digby Fairweather's comments about the library I wondered which building is he referring to?

Certainly I am all for keeping the present building and why is the library moving anyway? However there is no way that the present building could be called 'a lovely old building!'

If he was talking about the old building, which is now a museum, then yes that would be a crime to pull it down, but since when has that ever stopped the council?

Gail Grindell,
Address supplied

Thanks to driver who helped me

I WISH to thank the very kind and sensible driver my pony and I discovered along Church Road in Hockley. Mostly my pony is well behaved, kind and sensible. I am currently reintroducing her to traffic and road work.

Unfortunately things got a bit too exciting on the afternoon of Friday, December 21 on the way back to her stable. She bucked, leapt, bronked and threw a complete hissy

fit all the way along a downhill stretch of road coming up to St Peter & St Paul's Church.

I must admit that I was a bit frightened by her behaviour. I'm not sure that we would have made it back to the stable in one piece without the help of a very considerate driver behind me.

They put on their hazard lights and kept at a very safe distance from us. This stopped other cars overtaking her and making the situation worse for me. Sadly I was unable to take my hands off my pony's reins to say thank you to this extremely kind driver, as I had to try and stay in some sort of control. But I hope that by some chance you will be reading this and know who you are! I would have got off the pony and hugged you if I could have done so!

Traci Powell,
Westcliff

Tolls create congestion

LAST Friday I had the misfortune to have to use the Dartford Tunnel, something fortunately I do not do very often.

I joined the queue some 14 miles south of the entrance and queued stop start for in excess of half an hour.

I wonder if it ever occurs to the overpaid idiots that sit in the House of Commons or the top civil servants that pull their strings to think how much CO2 is being poured out by the five or six thousand vehicles standing idle in order for them to collect their tolls? They then have the nerve to tax us for CO2 emissions.

Surely it makes sense to open the barriers when the queue reaches say one mile and wave the traffic through. Once the tunnel had paid for the cost of its construction they changed the toll to a congestion charge - certainly is - it causes it.

Derrick Martin,
Hornchurch

Pensioners want it all for nothing

IN RESPONSE to the article in Havering Yellow Advertiser, (Wed, December 5, page 3) "Christmas bonus payment to pensioners is just crackers".

I was very disappointed by the Havering pensioners complaining about their £10 Christmas bonus not being enough. They said all other benefits apart from this had gone up in line with inflation.

But this is a special extra benefit and in fact nothing else has gone up in line with inflation apart from pensions. Everyone is overstretched

within the community at the moment so isn't it a time to be grateful for what we do get?

We are a working family with two children under four and a low income.

We have increased transport, gas and electric bills and Havering has decided it can not fund any free sessions at any of its children's centres, a service provided by most other boroughs.

During winter these sessions are greatly missed and I am most grateful to the churches for providing reasonably priced sessions as everything else is far too expensive.

If the pensioners are not happy with their bonus perhaps they would like to donate it to a charity or another group within the community who would gladly put it to good use.

Are we not meant to all be in this together?

A. Lenkiewicz,
Address supplied

Large letter problem

HAS the Post Office joined the realms of the fast food places?

On sending out invitations to a party I was dismayed to find out that some of the invites were not delivered.

The reason given was that I should have put a 'large' stamp on it. Thus to collect it my relatives had to pay £1.75 to get the card, having already paid 50p!

You can do the maths yourself. What a totally embarrassing situation.

The envelope measured 3ins x 11ins, when writing the address on the envelope horizontal it falls in the costings of the large letter.

Be warned I have noticed many cards that will fall into this trap. From now on I will write the address in the shortest direction.

Mrs Warrick,
Rainham

Have your say on parking review

FOR ALL residents affected by the Southend Borough Council review of the Southend Hospital Parking Management Scheme, the letter that came last week will be the only one. No form to fill in, no more information, that one letter is all you get - so please make sure you reply to it before January 23.

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Councillor Ric Morgan

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thought.

"You know I only like chocolate cake," said Alfred's Ghost, scowling, as he sat in his chair at the tea table, surly and sulking, invisible to all but his widow.

Alice's two guests guzzled happily. "How have you been keeping, dear?" asked Cousin Susan as she nibbled the corner of a cucumber sandwich.

Cousin Letitia fixed her expression in what

she hoped was a kind, sympathetic gaze, understanding of the trials of widowhood. "How are you, Alice?" she murmured in trembling tones.

"I'm alright, thank you," Alice said. Out of the corner of her eye she could see the Ghost. He was drumming his fingers impatiently on the table top.

"I expect you get lonely, don't you?" Cousin Letitia said, a mite tactlessly, Alice thought.

"Well..." said Alice.

"Where's my tea?" demanded Alfred's Ghost. Alice ignored him.

"Alfred was such a good, unselfish, kind man," Cousin Susan said.

"Everyone always said what a thoughtful, gentle, patient man he was..." chimed in Cousin Letitia.

"Yes, everyone always said so," she replied. Inside she said to herself, "If only they'd known the real Alfred."

Meanwhile, Alfred's Ghost was working himself up into a frenzy. "Alice, this food is terrible!" He began to shout, raising his voice, petulant like a spoilt child.

"This is a lovely afternoon tea," Cousin Letitia said to Alice.

Cousin Susan agreed as she helped herself to a slice of coffee cake.

"Home made?" she asked Alice.

"Yes, I always like to bake my own cakes," replied Alice.

"Fancy yourself a cook? Nothing on this table is any good!", the Ghost grumbled nastily. "No bloody chocolate cake!" He banged the table with his fist.

Alice stiffened. In a minute he'd have swept all the tea things to the floor in one of his blind rages. The Ghost's face was now bright red with rage and shouting.

Then, just as she knew it would, the Ghost's right arm swept across the table, meaning to smash everything, plates and cakes and crockery, all to the floor.

Alice watched as the Ghost's arm swept through the plates and cakes and crockery. Nothing happened! Everything on the table stayed exactly where it was! Alfred's Ghost was just a ghost, after all. Alice sipped her tea as she watched as Alfred's Ghost tried to pull the tablecloth from the table. The cloth didn't budge.

"Another slice of cake, Cousin Susan?" asked Alice.

The ghost of a smile played about Alice's lips. Thanks to the secret ingredients in that lovely, spicy chocolate cake she'd baked specially for him, she would never be troubled by the real Alfred again. Just by his relatives, from time to time.

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AS MY icy fingers fumble with the front door key I hear the house phone begin to ring. Frustration makes me irritated, why don't people ring my mobile? Finally inside I fling off my coat and scarf and seize the insistent phone.

"Yes!"

"Joe, it's Emma."

"Emma! Why are you phoning the house?"

"I needed to know that you are actually there - still in Edinburgh."

"Yes of course I'm still here! The contracts nearby..."

"It's silly I know - but I saw you!"

"Saw me?"

"Yes, today, from a distance. You were crossing the road at the taxi rank in Southend."

"Not me Em."

"No - well - you were wearing my scarf, the one I knitted for you from Granny's oddments."

I gaze malevolently at the gifted scarf, still lively with a myriad of colours though discarded on the floor.

"It wasn't me hon'. Some other poor guy bestowed your talents on I guess!"

"Hey! I've never knitted for anyone but you."

"And I'm very grateful... anyway I'll be home in a couple of days so stop pining for me."

"I'm not pining!"

She laughs and puts the phone down. I'm left feeling a little confused. Emma's just not the suspicious type.

Next evening though, after work, she's on the phone again, my mobile this time.

"Joe, I've just seen you - well, the scarf, in the taxi rank queue. Are you sure you didn't give it to a

charity shop?"

Even though the thought had crossed my mind I summon suitable indignation to say,

"No Em, of course not. I'll send you a photo."

I arrange the scarf around my neck, sit myself on the sofa, smile into my phone and click.

"See!" I text.

To celebrate my homecoming we go out for a meal and probably drink one too many. Leaving the restaurant we're wrapped up warm and huddle close.

I'm wearing the scarf and actually it's beginning to grow on me. I realise it stops me taking life too seriously, be more chilled, like Emma.

Suddenly she reaches up and arranges the scarf so that it winds around both our necks. Because we can no longer walk in step she finds it really funny and pulls it from me and holds it aloft like a United supporter.

She totters off on her ridiculously high heels towards the taxi rank. Even as I feel the need to run after her she loses her footing on the pavements edge. The taxi arrives from nowhere and there's a sickening thud.

With legs seeming made of straw I stumble towards her. It takes forever to reach her, to touch her.

My trembling hands stroke the silky threads of her hair down towards the fingers that clutch the scarf to her chest.

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If all of these factors were cut out and motoring laws adhered to then people would not be injured or killed."

Service medal

THE FORMER head of the regional ambulance service is one of the first to receive a new prestigious award in the New Year's Honours List.

Hayden Newton, who announced his retirement as CEO of East of England Ambulance Service earlier this year, has been given the Queen's Ambulance Service Medal - which was introduced in HM's Birthday Honours List last year.

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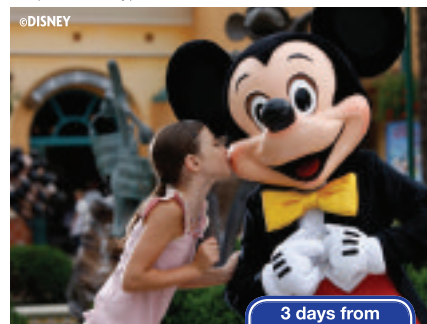
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Danbury Country Park, set in a village location near Chelmsford, is one such place as it was once part of estate of Danbury Manor, which dates back to Norman conquest of 1066, and a deer park.

A brief look into its history shows that the deer park was re-landscaped in Elizabethan times, when broad rides were added up to the hunting lodge, and later ornamental lakes and gardens were added, but if you delve even further into its past there is so much more to discover.

This is thanks to its links with Danbury Palace, which actually began life as Danbury Place – a large house that replaced the hunting lodge and boasted an avenue of trees as well as formal gardens.

A family by the name of the Mildmays built Danbury Place in the deer park – now Danbury Country Park – between 1560 and 1589, and it remained in their ownership during the Civil War before being passed onto their grandson,

Thomas Flytch in 1750.

Another descendent, Mr Disney Flytch, sold the property to Sir William Hilary in 1801 but the house fell into decay after the death of his first wife – marking the end of Danbury Place and the beginning of the Danbury Palace, which you can view from the park today.

John Round bought Danbury Place in 1826 and commissioned architect Thomas Hopper to build a new house a couple of hundred feet from the old building, complete with a stone staircase for the benefit of his wife, Susan, who had a fear of dying in a fire.

But tragedy struck when Susan – who is buried in Danbury Churchyard – actually did die in a fire at a London Hotel in 1843 at the age of 36 after going back inside to save a valuable bracelet, so the house was sold to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1845 and became known as Danbury Palace.

It was then home to two successive Bishops of Rochester, before changing hands several more times and being described as having 26 bedrooms and three staircases in a sales brochure.

After one of these sales a massive 492 oak trees were cut down on the estate, changing it forever, and after three ornamental lakes were excavated in 1290 the estate became known as Danbury Park, a home that was taken over by the Wigan family in 1919.

The house went on to be used as a maternity hospital during the Second World War – where its 2,000th baby was presented with a layette (a gift of clothes) by the Queen Mother in 1945 – before being used as a Civil Defence Training Centre by Essex County Council, a site for Mid Essex Technical College, a place for wedding receptions, and eventually a campus for Anglian University.

But when Anglian University moved to



LEAFY: Danbury Country Park.

purpose built accommodation the Palace became redundant, and only recently did a project begin to turn it into residential apartments.

Wandering around Danbury Country Park it is quite remarkable to see how large the grounds of Danbury Palace were, and even nicer to see plenty of features around that give a glimpse of the past.

Its ornamental gardens and lakes, one of which is now used for fishing, and its ice house where ice from the lakes would have been collected during the winter for use in the house's kitchen, all add to its charm.

The foundations of old Danbury Place can still be seen in the grass not far from Danbury Palace, while the park is still home to some huge oak trees that escaped being cut down, as well as a range of exotics such as cedars and

redwoods, believed to have come from remote parts of the world after being discovered by explorers and botanists of the day, and planted in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Many of these trees make up the dense woodland at the eastern end of the park – home to owls and bats – and at the north of the park there is a large meadow that is filled with wildflowers and grasses in the summer that attract a wealth of butterflies and insects.

There's a well surfaced pathway, suitable for most users, along which you can view the lakes and feed the ducks along the way, before taking in the ornamental garden next to Danbury Palace. As well as the garden to explore, complete with yew hedges and a collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, you can also enjoy views of the house and its old chapel.

fact file

■ **DIRECTIONS:** Entrances to Danbury Country Park can be found in Woodhill Road, Danbury, which is located four miles east of Chelmsford, via the A414.

■ **ENTRANCE:** It is free to wander around the park but please be aware there is a pay and display car park which costs £2.20 for a full day.

■ **OPENING TIMES:** The park is open daily from 8am till dusk. Check the car park for exact closing times when you visit.

■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Call 01245 222350 or visit www.visitparks.co.uk or www.essex.gov.uk

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If the festive period is anything to go by then Valentine's Day at La Romantica looks set to be very popular so anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

La Romantica, one of the oldest Italian restaurants in Essex, has built up an enviable reputation since opening its doors 43 years ago thanks to its authentic cuisine, charming service and fantastic entertainment. Its recipe for success has ensured that La Romantica had stood the test of time and its owner, Antonio Dinallo, and his son, Marco, are looking forward to seeing customers take their seats once again in 2013.

As well as wishing everyone a Happy New Year, they would like to remind diners that they have a packed programme of events and entertainment planned this year so make sure you regularly check out their website.

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La Romantica, at 9 High Street, Rayleigh, is open from 6pm till late every day except Monday. It can comfortably cater for up to 65 diners and welcomes disabled people, vegetarians, parties and small weddings.

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■ Free Stop Smoking Support Course, Royal British Legion, White Hart Lane, Hockley, 10.30am-noon, every Wednesday (9 January until 20 February), to book a place and further details 01702 212000.

■ Meeting, Southend Anglo Italian Circle, Leigh Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 'Reflections on Love' - a recital of songs in Italian by Catherine Humphries followed by AGM, 8pm, entrance £4, further details 01702 712177.
■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.
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Thursday, January 17

■ Meeting, Leigh Royal British Legion, Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm, new members and visitors welcome.
■ Meeting, Ekco Club House, Thornford Gardens, 12noon, we meet third Thursday in the month to talk over old times and meet old workmates.
■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.
■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz with Alex Boyle (keyboard), Rayleigh Lodge Thai Restaurant, The Chase, Rayleigh, 7.30pm, 01268 742149.
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■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.
■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
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■ Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe, Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.

Friday, January 18

■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
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■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session. Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, Fridays 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 293794.
■ Stone Carving, Sculpture plus Lettering, Studio Workshop, 39a West Road, Shoebury, professional tuition, traditional tools, Fridays 8-10pm, details Jim Davis 01702 292867.
■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Edmunds Hall, St Edmunds Close, (off Pantile Avenue), Southend, Fridays 8pm, healing from 7pm.
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■ Southend Chess Club, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, The Old School House, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, Fridays 7.30pm, new members welcome, beginners or experienced players. 01702 345902.
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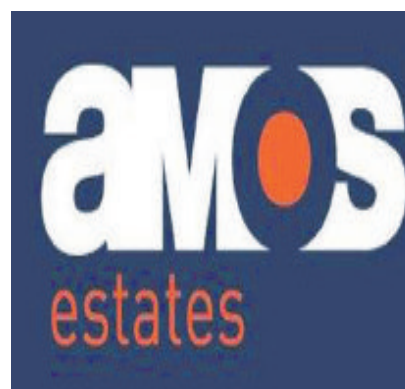
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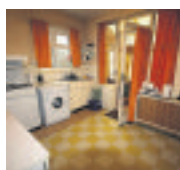


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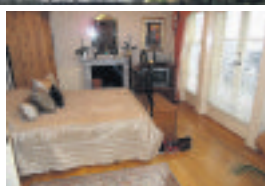
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**Southend On Sea £220,000**

Fully detached bungalow offering spacious living accommodation as well as two/three bedrooms. The property benefits from double glazing and gas central heating as well as detached garage to rear. The property offers early vacant possession and scope for extensions, subject to relevant planning permissions.

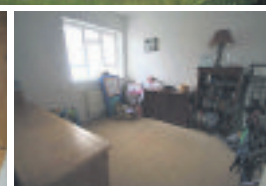
- ➔ Detached Bungalow
- ➔ Double glazing
- ➔ Gas central heating
- ➔ Two/ three bedrooms
- ➔ Spacious living accommodation
- ➔ Bathroom with separate wc
- ➔ Established rear garden
- ➔ Detached garage
- ➔ Off street parking
- ➔ Scope for extensions

Southend On Sea £365,000

Situated in a sought after position in the heart of the Clifftown Conservation Area with superb South facing views over looking Cliff Gardens and Thames Estuary. The property offers spacious living accommodation and offers 2/3 bedrooms and has the advantage of own off street parking and attractive rear gardens.

Westcliff On Sea £124,950

Attractive ground floor apartment situated within a sought after location, South of the London Road within walking distance of Hamlet Court Road and Westcliff mainline railway station. The property offers spacious living accommodation including large double bedroom and bathroom/wc with separate shower cubicle. The property also benefits from own rear garden and whole of the front garden. 199 year lease from 1981.

Southend On Sea £449,500

Three storied Victorian town house being situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area, close to town centre and Cliff gardens. The property includes a self contained lower ground floor apartment which could also be used to provide a further bedroom/ living accommodation. West backing garden with detached double width garage approached via rear vehicular access.

Great Wakering £159,950

End of terrace family house being situated within a popular location and offering no onward chain. The property benefits from a front lounge with a rear kitchen/diner. There is also a ground floor study and bathroom/wc. The upstairs has three bedrooms and there is a goods size South backing rear garden and off street parking to the front for approximately three vehicles.

Southend On Sea £450 pcm

First floor flat situated within central Southend, lounge, double bedroom, fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and hob, bathroom /wc, economy 7 night storage heaters, double glazing, recently redecorated.

Westcliff On Sea £675 pcm

Attractive and spacious ground floor apartment being situated within close proximity of Westcliff station and having Estuary glimpses. The property offers three good size bedrooms and has a spacious lounge/diner with a South facing aspect. There is a modern fitted kitchen and a bathroom with an electric shower over, separate wc. The property is fully double glazed and there is gas central heating, communal parking to the rear.

Westcliff On Sea £675 pcm

End of terrace house, spacious entrance hall, ground floor bathroom/wc with independent shower over bath, ground floor double second bedroom, first floor landing, attractive lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integrated four ring gas hob with oven and grill under, extractor fan, further master bedroom being double with en-suite cloakroom/wc, full double glazing, gas central heating, integral garage with up and over door. No rear garden.

Leigh On Sea £700 pcm

Sorrell letting department are pleased to offer this two bedroom ground floor apartment offering spacious accommodation throughout and being situated on the Leigh/ Hadleigh borders. The property has a large lounge/diner with a door leading to a pleasant outdoor seating area.

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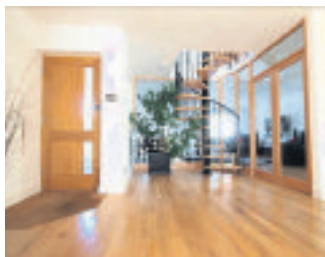
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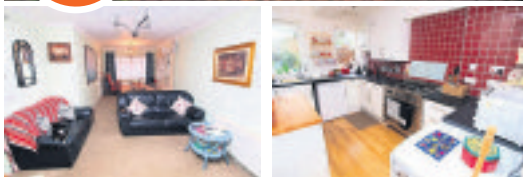
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£285,000



Four Bedroom Family Home \ Four Good Size Bedrooms \ En-Suite To Bedroom One \ Separate Four Piece Family Bathroom \ Separate Shower Room \ Ground Floor W.C \ Lounge 27' 2" X 12' 4" \ Kitchen/Breakfast Room 15' 10" X 13' 9" \ Dining Room 14' 7" X 7' 5" \ Conservatory 14' 0" X 11' 2" \ 70' Approx Rear Garden \ Brick Built Detached Double Garage \ Popular Daws Heath Location \ Off Street Parking \ Must Be Viewed Internally \ Call 01702 555888

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£190,000



Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow \ Lounge/Diner 25'6" X 11'2" \ Bedroom One 12'2" X 11'2" \ Bedroom Two 11'6" X 9'8" \ Modern Kitchen 9'10" X 8'11" \ Garden Room/Conservatory 10'2" x 6'1" \ Good Size West Backing Rear Garden \ Ample Off Street Parking \ Popular Location \ Double Glazing \ Gas Central Heating \ Sole Agents \ Viewings Essential \ Call 01702 555888

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Stunning Views



Unique Accommodation Spread Over Three Floors \ Spacious Lounge 22'1" X 13'11" Narrowing To 11'11" \ Well Fitted Kitchen 10'11" X 7'4" \ Four Piece White Bathroom Suite \ Two First Floor Bedrooms, Bedroom One 11'6" x 10'8" \ Bedroom Two 8'5" x 8" With Additional Bedroom To Lower Ground Floor \ West Facing 100' Rear Garden With Purpose Built Office/Studio 11'10" x 11'9" \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

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£159,995



Three Bedroom Family Home \ Convenient Location \ Good Size Lounge/Diner 24'7" x 16'1" Narrowing To 8'6" \ Kitchen 11'5" x 7'1" \ Bedroom One 13'4" x 9'8" \ Bedroom Two 9'4" x 9'2" \ Bedroom Three 7'4" x 6'0" \ Three Piece Bathroom Suite \ Easily Maintained Garden \ Garage \ Long Established Lease \ Close To Hadleigh Town Centre & Hadleigh Castle \ New Combi Boiler With Individual Radiator Controls \ New Roof With 10 Year Guarantee \ No Onward Chain \ Sole Agents \ Keys Held For Advised Viewings \ Call 01702 555888

THUNDERSLEY

£235,000



Character Three Bedroom Semi Detached Cottage \ Popular Cul De Sac Location \ Lounge 15'8" x 10'1" \ Dining Room 10'10" x 10'9" \ Kitchen 13'10" x 10'4" \ Utility Room \ Cloakroom \ Bedroom One 13' \ Increasing To 15'9" x 10'7" \ Bedroom Two 10'10" x 8'0" \ Bedroom Three 10'6" x 9'2" \ Family Bathroom \ Easily Maintained Garden \ Close To Rayleigh Weir, Thundersley Village And A127 \ Overlooking Thundersley Common \ Viewings Essential \ Call 01702 555888

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Spacious Ground Floor One Bedroom Flat With Own Garden \ Lounge 13'7" X 10'10" \ Bedroom One 11'1" X 8'9" \ Modern Kitchen/Diner 11'10" X 9'6" \ Shower Room 9'10" X 6'10" \ Double Glazed \ Gas Central Heating \ Modern Condensing Combination Boiler (Untested) \ Ideally Located For Seaford \ Refreshed Throughout \ Must Be Viewed \ Call 01702 555888

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BENFLEET

Guide Price £220,000 - £230,000



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£125,000



No Onward Chain

Vacant One Bedroom Purpose Built Apartment \ Good Size Accommodation \ Lounge 15' x 10'9" \ Well Fitted Kitchen 12'5" x 6'5" \ Bedroom 13'1" x 8'10" \ Modern Three Piece Bathroom Suite \ Communal Gardens \ Off street Parking \ Convenient Location \ Double Glazed Throughout \ Sole Agents \ Realistically Priced \ No Onward Chain \ Viewings Advised \ Call 01702 555888

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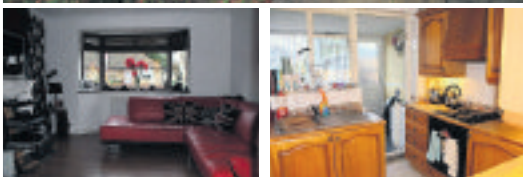
Farm View, RAYLEIGH / **£375,000**



Spacious detached family residence \ Offering spacious living space \ Ground floor cloakroom \ Lounge \ Dining Room \ Kitchen \ Utility room \ Study \ Family bathroom \ Four good sized bedrooms \ En-suite to master bedroom \ Landscaped rear garden \ Ample off street parking \ Double garage \ Located within a sought after development close to the Asda store, local countryside and popular Schools \ Viewing advised \ Call 01268 742742

RAYLEIGH

£195,000



Two bedroom semi detached bungalow \ Located in sought after area \ Close to Rayleigh station \ Offered for sale with no onward chain \ Entrance lobby \ Good size lounge with splay bay window \ Modern bathroom suite \ Fitted kitchen \ Two good size bedrooms \ Useful utility room \ Attractive 60ft rear garden with various fruit trees \ Must be viewed \ Call 01268 742742 \

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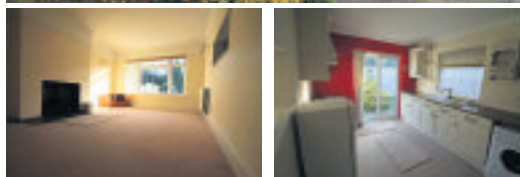
£205,000



Attractive two bedroom semi detached Carter & Ward built bungalow \ Located within a most sought after position \ Close to Rayleigh town centre \ The property is available with no onward chain \ Benefits from double glazed conservatory overlooking a landscaped rear garden \ Block paved driveway providing off street parking \ Keys held \ Must be viewed \ Call 01268 742742 \

RAYLEIGH

£235,000



Very spacious three bedroom family home \ Standing upon a good size plot \ Close to the popular Grove Wood School \ Easy distance into Rayleigh Town Centre \ The property is offered for sale with no onward chain \ Dining hall \ Lounge overlooking rear garden \ Attractive fitted kitchen \ Detached garage \ Off street parking \ We hold keys for immediate viewing \ Call 01268 742742 \

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£216,995



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RAYLEIGH

£249,995



Delightful three bedroom family home \ Set within an elevated position \ Close to the Town Centre, Train Station and Rayleigh Primary School \ The property has been refurbished to an excellent standard \ Lounge/diner with French doors to garden \ Fitted kitchen \ Ground floor bedroom three \ Bathroom \ Two first floor bedrooms \ Garage and off street parking \ Landscaped rear garden \ We anticipate significant interest \ Call 01268 742742 \

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£825 pcm



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Hadleigh

£750 pcm



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CLIFF TOP LOCATION OVERLOOKING THE ESTUARY, LEIGH £895,000

A four double bedroom cliff top family home enjoying wonderful estuary views, super location just a short walk from Leigh Broadway, Station and Old Leigh Town. This fine Edwardian house has been lovingly upgraded by the current owners and must be viewed to be appreciated. There is parking for 3 cars to the front, further parking/ garage space to the rear, a superb lounge with feature fireplace and estuary views, large dining room with original fireplace, 21'8 x 11'8 bespoke fitted kitchen, utility room, cloaks/w.c., two bathrooms (one en-suite), Balcony and terrace with some of the best views Leigh-on-sea has to offer.



Westcliff £259,000

A Fully detached Three bedroom Bungalow occupying a large plot with a superb 100' rear garden, two workshops, and a very impressive full width, covered decking terrace. En suite shower room to master bedroom, further main bathroom, a spacious 14'5 x 12'2 fitted kitchen / breakfast room overlooking the rear garden, attractive lounge with feature fireplace, gas c/h, upvc double glazing, no- onward chain ref etl5056



South Leigh £169,995

A delightful 2nd floor flat with BALCONY AND ESTUARY VIEW, situated in a most sought after location just off Grand parade and WALKING DISTANCE OF BROADWAY AND STATION, two bedrooms, spacious lounge with access to the balcony, small kitchen with appliances plus utility cupboard, bathroom/w.c. ref etl5066



Leigh-on-sea £489,950

An imposing detached house offering lots of original character situated in a most desirable road close to Belfairs park and golf course. 1.2 miles walk to LEIGH STATION, detached garage, four double bedrooms, en suite shower room to master bedroom, luxury family bathroom, delightful reception hall with stained glass door and window, elegant lounge with feature fireplace, separate tv/ family room, 18'10 x 12'5 beautiful dining room with wood floor and feature fireplace, spacious modern fitted kitchen and utility room, NO ONWARD CHAIN ref etl5061



Marine Parade, Leigh-on-sea £649,950

5 bedroom house situated on MARINE PARADE enjoying terrific views, walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station, Westleigh schools C/A, Large garage and impressive driveway, parking for 5 cars, south facing balcony, 5 bedroom accommodation arranged over 3 floors, 3 reception rooms including 22 x 11'6 rear reception with vaulted ceiling, two bathrooms, shower room and washroom/w.c., internal viewing essential ref etl5041



Chalkwell Hall Estate £185,000

A bright and spacious top floor apartment with SOUTH FACING BALCONY AND ESTUARY VIEW. The property is situated on the sought after Chalkwell Hall Estate within walking distance of local amenities and Westcliff Station. Large accommodation with 18'6 x 12'6 lounge, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, fitted spacious kitchen, KEYS FOR VIEWING ref etl5055



Leigh-on-sea £399,995

A fully detached house which has been beautifully refurbished in recent years and is situated in a most desirable location on the Highlands Estate within the Westleigh Schools Catchment area and walking distance of Leigh station. Three bedrooms, luxury bathroom, superb open plan kitchen and dining area, large garden, detached garage and parking for 3-4 cars. Internal viewing essential ref etl5069



Leigh-on-sea, Guide Price £250- 260,000

GUIDE PRICE £250,000 - £265,000 NO ONWARD CHAIN - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING This three bedroom semi detached house within easy reach of local shops, schools, Leigh Broadway and approx 1.2 miles from Leigh Station. Lounge with feature fireplace, 17'3 x 12'4 open plan kitchen and dining area, further rear dining room, utility room, cloaks/w.c., off street parking for two cars, 60' approx rear garden. ref etl4978



Just off Leigh Broadway, £279,995

Three bedroom family house in great location just off Leigh Broadway, walking distance of Station and Schools, GARAGE AND DRIVEWAY, west facing garden, 20' x 13' lounge, cloaks/w.c., spacious kitchen, utility room, IMMEDIATE VACANT POSSESSION ref etl5071



Leigh-on-sea £595,000

A most impressive 5 bedroom detached character house in a highly desirable location with a very large south westerly facing plot and a superb 47' x 160' rear garden backing directly on to woodland. 11' x 25' garage with in and out driveway, Lounge and separate dining room both with feature fireplaces, study/ tv room, 18'6 x 18' kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, cloaks/ w.c. and shower room, 18'6 x 13' conservatory, large luxury en suite bathroom to master bedroom. No onward chain. ref etl5010

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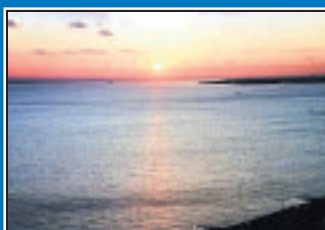
WALKING DISTANCE OF STATION, LEIGH £159,995

A TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM purpose built flat with long lease, balcony and allocated parking space. Great location WALKING DISTANCE OF LEIGH STATION AND LOCAL SHOPS. Fitted kitchen with appliances, spacious lounge, double glazing, gas c/h, loft space for storage, luxury large shower room NO ONWARD CHAIN, ref etl5067



Marine Estate, Leigh £445,000

We strongly advise an internal viewing of this outstanding detached family house situated on the eagerly sought after Marine Estate within the Westleigh schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. The property is very spacious and beautifully presented with superb open plan lounge and dining room, luxury fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, cloaks/w.c., three bedrooms, en suite shower room, west facing garden, garage and driveway. ref etl5075



Fantastic Estuary views £189,995

Spacious purpose built apartment with garage, stylish reception area with lift service to all floors, Tower court complex along Westcliff Parade, two bedrooms, luxury shower room, superb lounge with stunning views, south facing balcony with breathtaking estuary views, fitted kitchen with oven and hob also with terrific views. IMMEDIATE VACANT POSSESSION - KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING- OFFERS INVITED etl5063



Leigh, requiring modernisation £199,995

Semi-detached chalet style property conveniently located for Chalkwell mainline Station and Chalkwell Park. The property REQUIRES MODERNISATION. Accommodation comprises, two bedrooms, bathroom/w.c., lounge and kitchen. There is also a garage and driveway. ref etl5028



Hullbridge £219,995

A spacious three bedroom semi-detached family house situated in a popular location close to Ferry Road with its range of shops and bus routes to surrounding areas including Rayleigh Station. Good size rear garden, garage and parking, gas c/h, 18'7 x 16' lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, cloaks/w.c. EARLY VIEWING ADVISED ref etl 5054



WALKING DISTANCE OF LEIGH STATION £425,000

Spacious beautifully presented detached house that must be viewed to be fully appreciated. A most impressive family home situated on the sought after Highlands Estate within the Westleigh Schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station and Marine Parade. Four bedrooms, en suite, three spacious reception rooms, superb kitchen, south westerly facing garden, garage and ample parking ref etl4807



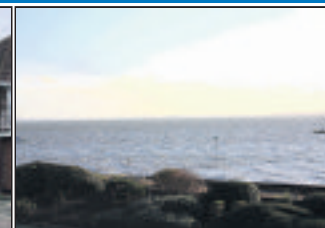
Fantastic value Retirement apartment £84,995

Kingsmeade is a warden managed complex situated on the sought after Chalkwell Hall Estate. This apartment is located on the ground floor with views from Lounge and Bedroom across the gardens. Keys are available for accompanied viewings and immediate vacant possession is available.



Chalkwell seafront £850,000

A large 6/7 bedroom detached house requiring some improvement situated in a prestigious location on Chalkwell Seafront. The property offers very large accommodation arranged on three levels with views from the front across the Thames Estuary towards the Kent coastline.



Close to Broadway, Leigh £385,000

A beautifully presented fully detached family home in sought after South A.13 location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station, delightful west facing garden, detached garage, charming lounge and separate dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, cloaks/w.c., three double bedrooms, bathroom with spa bath and separate w.c. etl5064



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Westcliff/ Eastwood borders £215,000

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FOR SALE

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FOR SALE

RAYLEIGH OIEO £230,000

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FOR SALE

RAYLEIGH £248,000

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FOR SALE

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TO LET

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The Rona Partnership are pleased to offer to let this immaculate two bedroom first floor flat benefiting from having two double bedrooms, double glazing and residents parking. Earliest appointment to view advised to avoid disappointment.



FOR SALE

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** POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSION OR DEVELOPMENT ** A rare opportunity to purchase this detached bungalow situated on a very good size corner plot in a hugely popular location. ** DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE ** 25'10 LOUNGE ** 14'2 KITCHEN/ BREAKFAST ROOM ** NO ONWARD CHAIN ** Call now to arrange your viewing.



TO LET

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TO LET

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This is stunning! Ideally located for rayleigh station we are pleased to offer this refurbished three bedroom bungalow which features new fitted kitchen and bathroom, brand new conservatory and much more. available soon.



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TO LET

HULLBRIDGE £950 PCM

The Rona Partnership are pleased to offer for rent this spacious THREE Bedroom Detached Bungalow in the popular location of Hullbridge. The property benefits from off street parking and a good size rear garden. Available Soon.



FOR SALE

RAYLEIGH £119,995

IN OUR OPINION THIS IS EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR MONEY!A two bedroom first floor retirement flat ideally located for Rayleigh Town and Station. The property has no onward chain, off street parking and much more*KEYS HELD FOR IMMEDIATE VIEWING*

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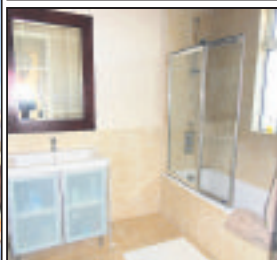
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Leigh-on-Sea £255,000

Occupying the entire second floor of this popular block is this spacious 3 Double Bedroomed flat that has been well maintained throughout and offers many attractive features. The property is situated south of the A13 within comfortable walking distance of Chalkwell Station and local shops.



Leigh on Sea £319,995

STAMP DUTY PAID! As New. A 3 Bedroomed Detached Bungalow that has been fully modernised to an exceptionally high standard, situated in a convenient residential location close to excellent local amenities. An interior inspection is required to fully appreciate the many attractive features. Early Vacant Possession.



Leigh on Sea £365,000

Situated on the popular Highlands Estate within walking distance of Leigh Old Town and Station A Detached 4 bedroomed family house offering deceptively spacious accommodation. The property is within the Westleigh Schools catchment area whilst local shops are close to hand. Early vacant possession



Westcliff on Sea £179,995

A Spacious 3 Bedroomed family house requiring some modernisation offering attractive features and realistically priced to effect an early sale. The property is situated close to all amenities and within 3/4 mile of Westcliff main line station. Early viewing advised.



Leigh on Sea £295,000

Rare Opportunity. A large 3 Bedroomed Detached Bungalow requiring modernisation and situated in a favourable position on the popular Belfairs Estate. The property has the benefit of a wide, 80' deep, south backing garden. Local shops, buses and Belfairs Woods/Golf Course are within walking distance



Leigh on Sea £274,995

Leigh-on-Sea charm. Having views over the estuary towards the Kent coastline, a rare opportunity to purchase this deceptively large detached house ideally located for Broadway, mainline station and Old Leigh. Must be viewed. No onward chain.



Leigh on Sea £279,995

Located in the heart of Leigh on Sea A purpose built 5th floor 3 bedroomed flat in this sought after 1930's block offering views of the Thames Estuary and within walking distance of Broadway amenities and mainline station. The property has been modernised throughout and maintained in excellent order.

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- Exceptionally spacious accommodation
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Hockley £237,500



- Modernised Throughout
- Spacious Lounge
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- New Bathroom Suite
- Detached Garage
- Space for Caravan
- South Facing Garden
- No Onward Chain
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Hockley £349,950



- Large Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Range Cooker
- Cloaks/Shower Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Delightful Secluded Garden
- Log Cabin/Hot Tub
- Wide Corner Plot
- Close Mainline Station
- Ref: ESH1581

Hockley £495,000



- High Specification
- South Facing Garden
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Luxury Fitted Kitchen
- Four Large Bedrooms
- En-suite Shower Room
- Bathroom/Shower Room
- Garage/Ample Parking
- Ref: ESH1555

Rochford £399,995



- Delightful Rural Setting
- Lounge Overlooking Terrace
- Luxury Kitchen/Diner
- 3 Large Bedrooms
- En-suite Bathroom
- Outbuilding/office
- Ample OSP
- Extended Accommodation
- Secluded Gardens
- Ref: ESH1562

Hawkwell £279,995



- Picturesque Countryside
- Superb Conservatory
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas Heating
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bath/W.C
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Detached Garage
- 140' Secluded Garden
- Ref: ESH1535

Rochford £239,000



- Quiet Rural Location
- Extended Accommodation
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- 120' Rear Garden
- Stable Block
- Tack Room
- No Onward Chain
- Ref: ESH1568

Hockley £235,000



- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Attached Garage
- Secluded Garden
- Close Village Centre
- Close Westerlings School
- Ref: ESH1584

Hockley £318,000



- Sought After Location
- Extensively Modernised
- Spacious Lounge
- New Kit/breakfast room
- Two Large Bedrooms
- New Bathroom Suite
- UPvc Double-glazing
- Close village centre
- No Onward Chain
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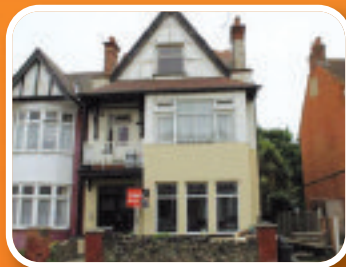
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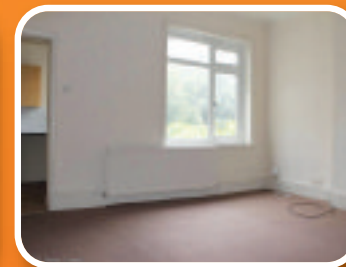
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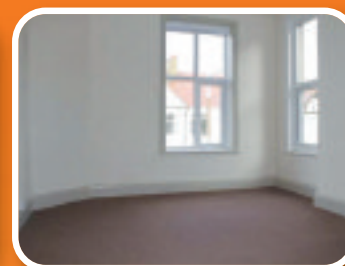
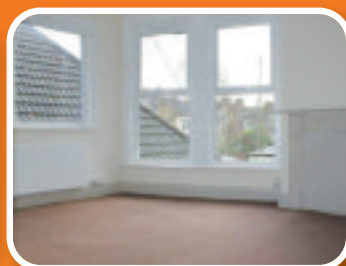
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Three bedroom end terrace house located close to Southend town centre and Victoria mainline railway station. Entrance hall. Lounge/diner. Fitted kitchen. Three bedrooms. Bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators (not tested). Large garden. Parking space. General modernisation and refurbishment required.



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Two/three bedroom bay fronted mid-terrace house in need of some modernisation and refurbishment. Entrance hall. Lounge 13'11" x 11'4". Study 9' x 8'11". Dining room/morning room 12' x 9'7". Kitchen 10' x 8'8". Three bedrooms. Bathroom & separate w.c. Enclosed garden. Close to town centre.



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One bedroom ground floor flat. Own street door. Lounge. Recently installed bathroom suite. Kitchen. Rear garden approx. 55'. Partly double glazed. Gas fired heating. Parking to the front. Close proximity to local amenities. Easy access to bus route into Southend. No onward chain.



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Five bedroom mid-terrace property situated in the heart of Southend. Three double and two single bedrooms. Two reception rooms. 26' kitchen/breakfast room. Ground floor shower room & w.c. Re-plumbed and new wiring. Majority re-plastered walls and ceilings. New double glazing and new heating system. Fire doors throughout the property. Residents parking permit available. Town centre location. No onward chain.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £152,995

Two bedroom mid-terrace house located close to Southend town centre and Victoria mainline railway station. Entrance hall. Lounge. Separate dining room. Fitted kitchen/breakfast room. Two bedrooms. Bathroom/w.c. Gas central heating via radiators (not tested). uPVC double glazed. Enclosed good sized rear garden.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £79,995

One bedroom purpose built first floor retirement flat. Lounge 13' x 12. Kitchen 8' x 6'. Double glazed heating via electric wall mounted heaters. Some remedial works required. Communal facilities. Close to town centre and mainline railway station. No onward chain.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £159,995

Three bedroom mid-terrace cottage style house located within easy access to Southend seafront, town centre and mainline railway station. Lounge/diner. Kitchen/breakfast room. Recently installed bathroom suite. West backing rear garden. Double glazed windows. Gas fired central heating via radiators. Early viewing advised.



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HOT PROPERTY IN LEIGH, CHALKWELL & WESTCLIFF



Marine Estate £475,000

Ashleigh Stone are favoured with instructions to market this absolutely delightful character three-bedroom detached house, with off-road parking for multiple vehicles, ideally located on the ever-popular Marine Estate. This family home has been extended on the ground floor which gives the home generous ground-floor accommodation. The property also benefits from a balcony off the master bedroom giving distant sea views. The accommodation comprises generous-sized rooms including a lovely lounge overlooking the well-maintained rear garden, dining room, extended kitchen with remote-controlled opening sky lights and integrated appliances, sun lounge, utility room and cloakroom on the ground floor, with three bedrooms and bathroom with four-piece suite on the first floor.

Leigh-on-Sea

£157,995

Ashleigh Stone are delighted to offer this delightfully quirky one-bedroom ground floor flat in the heart of Leigh-on-Sea. The flat comes with its own west-facing rear garden and basement. It is close to the Broadway with all its shops, cafes and bars; and is also offered with no onward chain.



Westcliff-on-Sea

£224,995

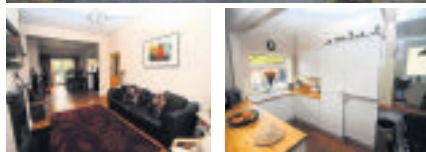
This is a four bedroom mid terrace home with three reception rooms and south facing courtyard garden located in the Milton Conservation area. Inside there is a lounge to front separate dining room and large kitchen breakfast room with four bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs, there is plenty of space



Leigh-on-Sea

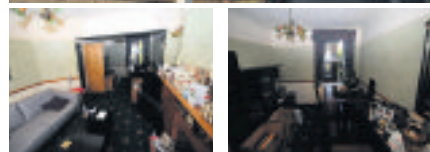
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A two bedroom detached home with off street parking to front and a small low maintenance rear garden. Lounge to front, kitchen/diner to rear and two double bedrooms to the first floor. Property will be available from 20th February.



Marine Estate £374,995

Ashleigh Stone are offering for sale this beautiful three-bedroom semi-detached home, with off-road parking, on the Marine Estate. The property is located south of Western Road and a very short walk to Leigh c2c Station and the Broadway. It is perfect for the growing family, offering a large open-plan living area downstairs, two double bedrooms and a good-sized single bedroom. The decor throughout is of a great standard, giving the property a wonderful warm feel. This lovely family home would suit anyone needing to be in the Westleigh School catchment area. Call us now to view



Leigh-on-Sea £274,995

Ashleigh Stone are offering for sale this delightful two double bedroom end-of-terrace character property situated on a side road just off the Broadway. The property could benefit from some cosmetic updating. The location is extremely desirable and also has the added bonus of off-road parking to the rear. Inside there is a through lounge / diner and kitchen / breakfast room downstairs, two bedrooms and a large bathroom upstairs, and to the rear there is a west-facing low-maintenance courtyard garden.

Marine Estate

£625pcm

This is a one bedroom ground floor flat in the Marine Estate benefitting from a small courtyard garden, lounge, double bedroom and a fitted kitchen. Decorated to a high standard, double glazed windows making this an ideal flat for those who want to be close to the Broadway and Leigh Train Station.



Marine Estate

£725pcm

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Hadleigh £265,000

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Benfleet £217,000

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Thundersley £179,995

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Hadleigh £219,995

A spacious three bedroom character family home which is within walking distance of The King John school and Hadleigh town centre. The property benefits from a generous 27' through lounge and a large garden. There is off street parking and a detached garage.



Thundersley £180,000

Spacious two bedroom terraced house located within walking distance of The King John School and Seevic College. Generous lounge, kitchen diner, double bedrooms and a bathroom. South facing garden, off street parking and garage in a block.



Thundersley £199,995

This spacious detached bungalow is situated on a generous corner plot but is in need of some modernisation. The accommodation comprises of a good size lounge and kitchen, conservatory across the rear, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The garden is West facing and low maintenance courtyard style. There is off street parking and a detached garage.



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Hadleigh £139,995

This stunning and immaculate ground floor flat has patio doors leading directly to the communal gardens. With allocated parking for 2 vehicles a very attractive Lounge well fitted kitchen and bathroom and 2 bedrooms be quick to view!



Benfleet £182,500

Offered for sale with no onward chain is this 3/4 bedroom semi detached family home with a good size rear garden; ground floor study/playroom/4th bedroom; off-street parking. Must be sold.

A WORD OR TWO OF ADVICE...

Probably top of every estate agent's list of frequently asked questions is that perennial favourite, "Is this a good time to put my home on the market?"

Strictly speaking, of course, there is no such thing as a particularly favourable time of year to sell - or a particularly unfavourable one either, come to that. Given the essentially swings-and-roundabouts nature of the property market, you are really best advised to do it when it suits you.

Nevertheless, if you are thinking of selling this year, then as it happens now is a very good time to put your home on the market. Remember, all the doom and gloom in the press is based on national average figures, which hide enormous regional variations. Yes, things might still be exceptionally tough in places like Middlesbrough, Swansea and Plymouth. But around here, it's a very different story, with sales continuing to happen at a good, steady rate throughout 2012 - so much so, in fact, that towards the end of the year, along with other agents in the area, we were actually running out of properties to sell!

As a result, with the upsurge in buyer activity which always follows the festive season now starting to kick in, we are facing a significant shortage in supply.

What this all really boils down to is that now is actually a very good time to be talking to us about your plans. Drawing on all our years of experience in the local property market, we can give you a carefully considered, honest assessment of the current market value of your home; we can advise you about anything you can do to prepare it for sale and maximise its buyer appeal; we can give it the widest possible exposure to the marketplace; and we can assure you of the very highest standards of customer service and professionalism throughout.

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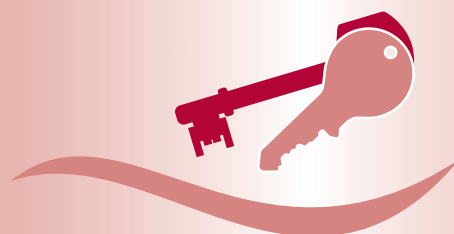
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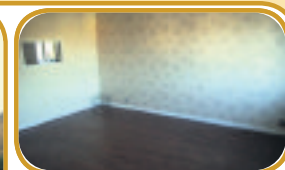
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Q. Given that practically anyone can set up as an estate agent, are there any recognised professional bodies operating within the industry?

A. Certainly. The main organisation specifically for estate agents is the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA). This body, membership of which is by examination, operates a strict code of conduct, runs a wide range of training courses, and generally exists to champion the highest professional standards. Any member falling short of those standards can be disciplined, and in the most serious cases can even have their membership revoked. (Incidentally, not to be confused with the NAEA is The Guild of Professional Estate Agents, which - despite its name - is actually a privately-owned concern which provides paying members with a range of products and services on a commercial basis.)

Meanwhile, fulfilling a broadly similar role to the NAEA, but specifically for the rental sector, is ARLA - the Association of Residential Letting Agents - which in addition to the normal functions of a professional body also provides a number of specialised lettings-related services.

Both ARLA and the NAEA are now amalgamated under the banner of the National Federation of Property Professionals, or NFOPP - together with other similar bodies representing commercial agents, auctioneers and valuers.

Another organisation of which you will probably already have heard is the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, or RICS. Some estate agents are also chartered surveyors - for whom, RICS membership is compulsory - and therefore choose to belong solely to that body.

These three - the NAEA, ARLA and the RICS - are the only recognised professional bodies within the industry. However, plenty of estate agents don't belong to any of them - because as things currently stand, they don't have to. So, if I were you I would check first!

Last but by no means least are The Property Ombudsman (TPO) scheme and its RICS equivalent, the Surveyors Ombudsman Service - although strictly speaking of course, these are not professional bodies. Their purpose is to provide the public with a free, fair and independent system of arbitration and redress in the event of any unresolved dispute - and all estate agents must, by law, belong to one or the other.

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motoring news**Defining a supercar**

By Andy Enright

WHEN I was a kid, two posters were ever-present on my bedroom wall. The first was a poster of a Debbie Harry in a slightly risque outfit. The second was a black Lamborghini Countach. It was an LP400S, with the big wing on the back and it was disappearing down an arrow-straight desert road into the setting sun. Nothing could say supercar more eloquently than a Countach. Not only was it eye-wateringly expensive and searingly quick, it was also ludicrously impractical and, from an eight year old's perspective, impossibly cool.

But what defines a supercar? That's a question that has never really been clearly defined. The job was a lot easier before 1992. Until that year the established supercar set included the likes of the Lamborghini Diablo, the Ferrari F40 and the Porsche 959 and the rules were straightforward. If it was low, sleek and nudged 200mph, it was a supercar. Then, all in the same year, the Bugatti EB110SS, the Jaguar XJ220 and the real game changer, the McLaren F1 arrived. The term 'hypercars' was coined to cover these next level vehicles and the waters got muddied. They've stayed muddy ever since.

Today's hypercars would certainly include the Bugatti Veyron. Probably the Koenigsegg CCX-R and the Pagani Huayra. Beyond that we're into the realms of argument. Perhaps it's easier to whittle down the list by defining what's not a supercar. A BMW M5 might top 200mph with its speed restrictor removed, but it's a saloon car and that excludes it. A Caterham R500 would set a pace around a track that a Countach could never hope to approach but it's just too cheap and nerdy to be a supercar. Honda NSX? Despite the Ayrton Senna associations, an NSX is too sensible. You can see out of it, service it alongside your Accord and your granny could



drive it. Not a supercar, then.

Perhaps supercars are defined as much as anything by their foibles, that they have been designed to look fantastic and therefore come with all manner of practical compromises? It's a tempting avenue to pursue but one that doesn't apply to ruthlessly developed hypercars like the McLaren F1 and the Bugatti Veyron so shouldn't apply to the supercar set. As much as anything, a supercar is defined by its sense of occasion. A Porsche 911 Turbo has the performance and provenance necessary to join the club but its ubiquity counts against it. It no longer feels so special to be counted amongst the elite.

We can narrow down what represents a supercar using a few non-scientific criteria but it's hard to put a value on a car's sense of occasion and this is a wholly subjective issue. To some, a Lexus LFA raises the hairs on their necks, representing an impossibly exotic demonstration of the state of the supercar art. To others it's a clinical marketing exercise and their idea of a supercar is embodied by Porsche's 911 GT2 RS, a car that has built its own legend on the hallowed tarmac of the Nurburgring. The fact that 40 years after the term was introduced, defining it still generates a healthy discussion leads me to believe that there is no satisfactory definition.

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Blues face replay to earn tie with Chelsea

Southend United

A HOME tie with FA Cup holders Chelsea may await Southend if they can beat League One Brentford in the third round replay after both sides played out a 2-2 draw on Saturday.

In an end-to-end encounter, Blues fought back from two goals down to earn a replay at Griffin Park on Tuesday, January 15.

It did not look good after Tom Adeyemi and a Ryan Cresswell own goal put Bees in control.

But, Barry Corr's header just before the break gave Blues hope and the striker grabbed his second early into the second half.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock said: "A great game, end-to-end stuff, but I think we shaded it. If someone was going to come out of this game with a win, I think it was us."

"This game is not finished by a long chalk. People might write us off, I think they'd be writing us off at their peril."

Both showed their attacking intent early with Marc Laird firing over for Blues and Gavin Tomlin coming close with two efforts.

However, it was the away side who took the lead on 29 minutes



CHALLENGE: Recalled Alex Woodyard sticks his foot in while Barry Corr and Michael Timlin celebrate at 2-2 (right).

when Paul Hayes' flick pass found Adeyemi in the area and the midfielder coolly finished past Blues keeper Paul Smith.

Corr saw his header saved by Bees keeper Simon Moore but on 38 minutes, Brentford extended their lead when Sam Saunders whipped in a cross from the right and Ryan Cresswell headed into his own net.

It was only a minute before

Southend pulled a goal back when Sean Clohessy's deep cross found Corr at the back post who rose highest to head into the top corner.

The Blues levelled on 53 minutes when Kevan Hurst's free-kick was nodded home by an unmarked Corr as Brentford's attempt to catch the Blues offside failed.

Smith was equal to Clayton



Pictures by Dave Montier

Donaldson's drive, but Southend nearly booked their place in the fourth round, but Tomlin's header late on was pushed over the bar by Moore.

■ The Blues were due to travel to Oxford United yesterday (Tuesday) in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Southern Section Semi-Final, and will be back in League Two action on Saturday at Exeter City, kick-off 3pm.

Leopards eye National Trophy silverware

Basketball

LEOPARDS will look to reach the National Trophy semi-final for the fourth time in five years when they host Derby Trailblazers at the Brentwood Centre on Sunday afternoon.

The Trophy, which is the league cup for vears.co.uk Division One sides, was the one competition that the Big Cats failed to win last season, going out in the semi-final at Bristol Academy Flyers.

The game is a repeat of last season's play-off final, which Leopards won 95-82 to complete the treble, but Derby have shown few signs of the form which saw them finish third last season and win the title in 2010.

Four wins in six games saw Leopards finish second in Group A of the Trophy, while Derby split their six games with three wins and as many losses to finish third in Group B and set up Sun-



POSSESSION: Leopard's Carl Josey (white shirt) looks for a way through.

day's show-down in Brentwood. A trip to Bradford Dragons or Hemel Storm awaits the winner of the tie.

Player-coach Robert Youngblood is excited about Sunday's game: "The Trophy is a chance for us to win some silverware, so it's an important game for us. We know the danger that Trailblazers pose, we didn't go into the game up there with the

right attitude and cost us. We won't make the same mistake again."

The Big Cats go into the weekend on the back of weekend that saw them split their two leagues.

They gained revenge for their opening day loss at Tees Valley Mohawks with a hard-fought 96-88 victory at Basildon Sporting Village on Saturday evening.

Greg Hernandez led the way with a 26 point, 13 rebound double-double for Youngblood's side, while Taner Adu finished with 22 points and five boards.

However, the following day at Medway Park Crusaders saw the Big Cats produce a disappointing performance to go down 92-78.

Leopards controlled the first period 23-17, but were outscored 50-37 across the middle two quarters and then allowed the hosts to go on a 12-2 run at the start of the final period to effectively wrap the game up.

Writing on the wall for Clarets as they suffer defeat

Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City dropped out of the Blue Square South play-off places on Saturday after Maidenhead United came from behind to win 2-1.

Jamie Slabber opened the scoring for the Clarets with a penalty on 14 minutes but Alex Wall equalised for the hosts on 28 minutes and grabbed the winner two minutes into second half stoppage time. The defeat drops City from fourth to sixth.

AFC Hornchurch suffered a disappointing afternoon, losing 5-2 at Havant & Waterlooville.

Oliver Palmer (45, 82, 89) struck a hat-trick for Havant, who saw Dan Strugnell (15) and Sahr Kabba (28) put them ahead.

Urchins rallied with goals from Lewis Smith (80) and Wayne Gray (83) but the damage had been done.

In Ryman League Premier, Canvey Island were 4-1 up at leaders Whitehawk with 15 minutes left but still managed to lose the game 5-4.

Charlie Walker (14) put the Hawks ahead but Gulls put their stamp on the match through James Hawes, Jay Curran, Louis Dennis and Harrison Chatting.

However, Hawks produced a stunning comeback through Danny Mills (75), Josh Jones (78), Michael Malcolm (82) and Mills again in stoppage time.

Concord Rangers moved into third place, the highest position in their history, with a 2-1 victory at second place Margate.

Nicky Cowley (16) headed the Beachboys ahead, but Margate levelled on the stroke of half-time through Carl Rook.

Steve King settled the match in Concord's favour with a header seven minutes from time.

East Thurrock eased their relegation fears with a 2-0 victory over Enfield Town.

Sam Collins (17) and new signing David Bryant (41) earned Rocks their second home win in the league this season.

Maldon & Tiptree moved 13 points clear in Ryman North following their 3-0 victory at bottom side Ilford.

It took until the 53rd minute for the deadlock to be broken through Dave Bryan's penalty.

Jamie Guy and Dave Wareham wrapped the match up for Maldon.

Maldon's near rivals Heybridge Swifts moved into second place with a 4-0 win against Waltham Forest. Michael Cheek and Solomon Ofori put Swifts in control before Luke Callander's double.

Grays suffered their first home defeat of the season as they were thumped 4-1 by mid-table Cheshunt.

Courtney White scored twice, sandwiching Tony Burke's penalty, before they had Tommy Fletcher sent off. Joe Sweeney pulled a goal back for Grays but Dave Greene had the last word for Cheshunt, adding a fourth.

Aveley put themselves back in the play-offs with a 3-2 win at Sudbury. Jordan Cox (41) put Millers ahead only for James Baker to equalise.

Leon Antoine (56) gave Sudbury the lead but Cox soon levelled with his second of the match and Junior Dadson (67) scored the winner.

Brentwood Town won one of their many games

Rugby Union

More misery for bottom two

IT MAY be the new year but was the same story for both Southend and Barking in National Two South as they suffered heavy defeats on Saturday.

The pair faced difficult fixtures respectively against the top two with Barking going down 61-0 at leaders Worthing and Southend 81-12 to second place Henley Hawks.

Barking conceded nine tries, with Jordan Burns scoring a hat-trick, while Peter Cleveland, Matthew Miles, Finlay Coxon-Smith, Jack Maslen, Chris Sewell and Harry Sloan also went over the line.

Barking's afternoon did not get better with Akin Coulter red carded late on.

Southend were outclassed at Henley with Mike Stanley running in two tries for them, while Jack Jones managed one conversion.

Henley had too much as Xavier Andre managed four tries, Jonah Holmes scored twice, while Martin Nutt, Daniel Wells, Richard Briggs, Tom Allen and Matt Payne completed the rout.

Westcliff's woes in National Three London & South East continued, losing 10-28 to Old Elthamians to leave them in the relegation mire.

Tring went above them after they triumphed 49-13 over mid-table Thurrock.

In London One North, bottom side Rochford Hundred were lost 10-49 to third place Letchworth Garden City.

Romford & Gidea Park were beaten heavily, 5-80 by leaders Bury St Edmunds.

Eton Manor remain in the play-off spot following their 13-24 victory at relegation battlers Basildon, while Chingford went down 7-29 to Brentwood.

Chelmsford's hopes of a play-off place in London Two North East took a hit, losing 18-13 to leaders North Walsham, while Woodford went level on points with Chelmsford in third, beating Enfield Ignatians 21-12.

South Woodham Ferrers top London Three North East with a narrow 3-8 victory at Wisbech.

Wanstead remain in the promotion mix after seeing off second bottom Canvey Island 3-12, along with Upminster who won 16-17 at Sudbury.

It's now 12 defeats out of 12 for bottom side East London, this time going down 22-8 at Old Brentwood.

Essex One: Bancroft 49-3 Millwall; Champion 34-0 Billericay; Clacton 39-26 Old Cooperians; Maldon 10-10 Upper Clapton.

Essex Two: Ilford Wanderers 70-0 Stanford Le Hope; May & Baker 42-7 Kings Cross Steelers; Phantoms 31-10 Brightlingsea; Thames 7-10 Pegasus Palmerians.

in hand, beating Potters Bar Town 3-1. Daryl Robson and Alex Read put Brentwood ahead before Daniel Ailey missed a penalty for the Scholars. Read converted his spot-kick on the hour mark while Ailey did manage to get on the scoresheet three minutes from time.

Tilbury remain in the promotion chase, coming from behind to beat strugglers Redbridge 3-1.

Jacob Cleaver (14) put the Motormen ahead but Sam Cutler, Tom Wright and Aaron Waters (pen) sealed the comeback for Dockers.

Redbridge remain a point above Ilford as do Ware who lost 4-2 at home to Witham Town.

Nathain Hilare cancelled out Tom Devaux's opener for Witham. Emeka Onwubiko restored Witham's lead before the break and Sam Taylor (64) made it 3-1.

Ware fought back through Tony Martin but Rob Whitnell clinched the three points for Witham late on.

Romford suffered a 5-0 defeat at Chatham Town. Lee Hales and Harry Smith each scored a brace while Matt Solly scored a penalty in between.

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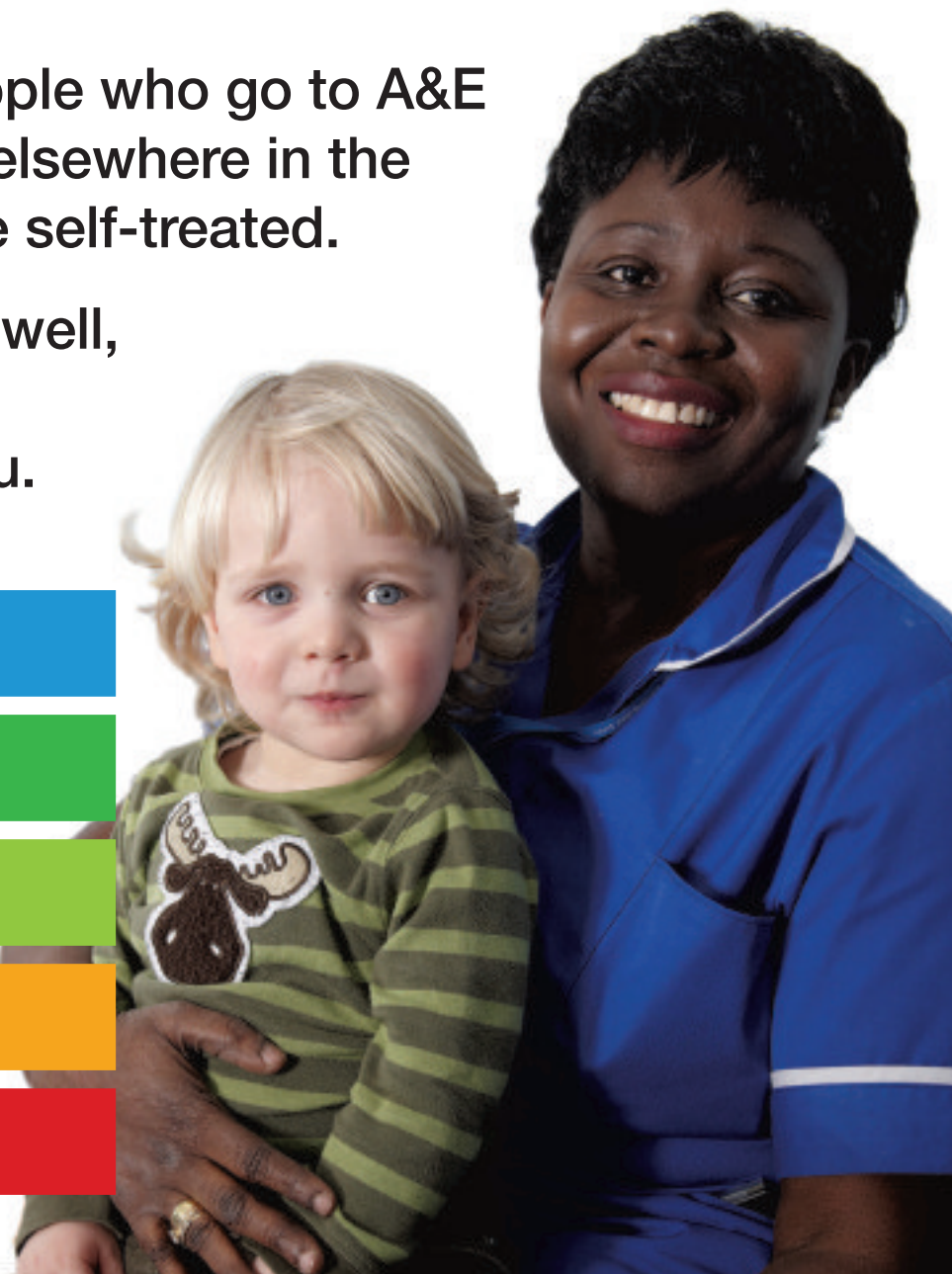
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Coughs and colds**

You can treat all of these things at home – in fact, that's the best place for you!

A big part of your recovery will be to rest and drink plenty of fluids. You can plan ahead by stocking up on some healthcare essentials – paracetamol, indigestion remedies and plasters for example.

You can find all of these at your local pharmacy. If you are ill and don't have these in your house, ask a friend, family member or carer to get them on your behalf.



“
I spoke to my pharmacist about what medicines to keep at home. It makes it much easier to deal with coughs, colds and viruses.
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NHS Direct...

If you're not sure how to deal with your medical condition, NHS Direct is a great place to start.

You can get round-the-clock medical information, confidential advice and reassurance. You can talk to nurses and health advisers who will ask you questions and give advice on what to do and where to go next. If you're not sure what to do, this is the perfect service for you.

To contact NHS Direct, call 0845 4647 or visit www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Save this number in your mobile phone and keep it by your home phone, in case you need it in an emergency.

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It can be frightening not knowing what is wrong, but one quick phone call can save you hours in A&E if you didn't need to go.

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Contact us at **www.southendccg.nhs.uk**

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Save time, get the right care, in the right time at the right place.

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Pharmacies...

Diarrhoea / Runny nose / Painful cough / Headache

You can be treated by health professionals at your local pharmacy.

Pharmacists give expert, confidential advice and treatment. Best of all, there may be a small wait but there is no need for an appointment. You can get advice about health issues and the best medicine for you, if it is needed.

Last year 8% of A&E visits could've been dealt with by a pharmacist. That means hundreds of thousands of people sat in A&E for hours when a nearby pharmacist could have seen them within minutes!

All pharmacists can:

- Dispense medicine when you give your prescription.
- Provide a collection and delivery service for repeat prescriptions – speak to your GP.
- Give advice on treating minor ailments like coughs and colds.
- Help you manage long-term conditions such as diabetes and asthma.
- Give advice on medication, including if you're taking medicine for lots of different conditions.
- Give advice on staying healthy, including eating healthily, stopping smoking and getting enough exercise.
- Give sexual health and contraception advice.
- Provide treatments for minor ailments like head lice and athlete's foot.

Many pharmacies also offer:

- Emergency contraception but you may have to pay for this if you don't have a prescription.
- Chlamydia screening.
- Medicine Use Review – to help you use your treatments correctly.
- New medicines service – to help you understand how to use new treatments.

To find your nearest pharmacy, visit www.nhs.uk



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You don't need to waste time in A&E. The right health services are there if you use them correctly.
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GPs...

Ear pain / Vomiting / Sore tummy / Back ache / Sprains / Cuts / Minor infections / Rashes / Strains

Your GP is the first point of call for non-urgent, ongoing illnesses or injuries. Using a GP saves time as they know your medical history.

Many GPs are open longer hours now – including early morning, late evenings and Saturdays. You can book an appointment up to two weeks in advance, and usually get seen within 48 hours. GPs can offer emergency appointments for urgent cases.

Our of Hours Service – If you need medical attention outside of GP surgery opening hours and cannot wait until your surgery is next open, call your GP surgery as usual and you will be directed to the Out of Hours service.

Walk-in Centres – If you're unable to get an appointment and need to see a GP, you can also be treated at your nearest walk-in centre. Open 12 hours a day or more, seven days a week. You don't need to be registered or make an appointment.

You could be seen much more quickly than at A&E. In fact, the local A&E department may redirect you to your GP if your condition isn't serious enough for A&E.

The nearest walk-in centre is:

St Luke's Health Centre
Pantile Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 4BD
Tel: 01702 611505

St Luke's Health Centre is open every day from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, including all bank holidays. It offers a range of services including health information and treatment for a range of minor illnesses and injuries without having to make an appointment.

To find your nearest GP surgery, visit www.nhs.uk or call PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) on 0800 587 9159.



If you're not registered with a GP, visit www.nhs.uk or call PALS to find your nearest surgery and contact them to ask to be registered.



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A&E...

Choking / Chest pain / Blacking out / Bleeding you can't stop / Loss of consciousness / Struggling to breathe / Stroke / Suspected meningitis

A&E should only be used if there is a serious emergency meaning you need urgent hospital care.

Hospital Accident and Emergency departments, or A&E, provide urgent treatment for serious, life-threatening conditions. You should travel to A&E yourself if you can. But if someone is too ill, for example if they have chest pain, are showing symptoms of a stroke, collapsed or can't breathe, dial 999 for an ambulance.

At A&E, the most seriously ill patients will be seen before those with less urgent conditions. This means some people have to wait several hours for treatment, or they may be redirected, for example, to a GP or walk-in centre.

“ A&E is for real emergencies, not cuts and sprains – choosing the right service will mean you get the help you need as quickly as possible. ”



Other services...

Mental health

For help or advice relating to mental health contact your GP, or alternatively you can contact Samaritans on 08457 909090 24 hours a day 365 days a year or SANE Line on 08457 678000 from 6pm to 11pm.

Emergency contraception

You can get the emergency contraceptive pill free from all GP practices on prescription, and from some pharmacies and walk-in centres. The pill has to be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

Out of Hours dentist service

On evenings, weekends or public holidays, if you are in pain and need emergency dental treatment and can't see your own dentist, call the Emergency Dental Service on 0845 603 1388. You can speak to a dentist for free advice and help finding emergency treatment.

If you need further advice or guidance, call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or visit www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service)

If you need advice or have concerns about your local NHS services, you can contact our PALS team on 0800 587 9159 or email: see-pct.pals@nhs.net

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